

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 13 are pending in this application with claims 6 – 7 and 12 -13 being withdrawn from consideration. New claims 14 – 17 have been added for consideration.

1. (Original) A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the steps of:
selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder;
sending a first command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to a selector switch; and
sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch once said integrated receiver/decoder has acquired and locked onto said satellite signal.

2. (Original) A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the steps of:
selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);
sending a first command signal from said IRD to a selector switch;
switching in response to said first command signal, said selector switch to couple to a low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said first command signal;
acquiring and locking said IRD to the satellite signal;
sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the first command signal;
and
disregarding said second command signal.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
receiving and locking onto a non-selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB not corresponding to the first command signal.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
switching to said low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said second command signal; and
acquiring and locking the IRD to the satellite signal in response to said second command signal.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
sending a third command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the second command signal; and
disregarding said third command signal.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of selecting a satellite signal comprising the step of:
sending a command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
terminating said satellite signal currently being received by an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);
repeatedly sending said command signal from said IRD to said selector switch;
and
receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to said command signal.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, comprising the step of:
searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite signal.

8. (Original) Apparatus for selecting a satellite signal comprising:
means for selecting said satellite signal via an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);

means for sending a first command signal from said IRD to a selector switch;
means for switching in response to said first command signal, said selector switch to couple to a low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said first command signal;
means for acquiring: and locking said IRD to the satellite signal;
means for sending a second command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the first command signal; and
means for disregarding said second command signal.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
means for receiving and locking onto a non-selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB not corresponding to the first command signal.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
means for switching to said low noise block converter (LNB) corresponding to said second command signal; and
means for acquiring and locking the IRD to the satellite signal in response to said second command signal.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:
means for sending a third command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;
means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where said selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to the second command signal; and
means for disregarding said third command signal.

12. (Withdrawn) Apparatus for selecting a satellite signal comprising:

means for sending a command signal from said integrated receiver/decoder to said selector switch;

means for terminating said satellite signal currently being received by an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);

means for repeatedly sending sad command signal from said IRD to said selector switch; and

means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to said command signal.

13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 12, comprising:

means for searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite signal.

14. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

terminating said satellite signal currently being received by an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);

repeatedly sending at least one of said first command signal and second signal from said IRD to said selector switch; and

receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to at least one of said first command signal and second command signal.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, comprising the step of:

searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite signal.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

means for terminating said satellite signal currently being received by said integrated receiver/decoder (IRD);

means for repeatedly sending said at least one of said first command signal and said second command signal from said IRD to said selector switch; and

means for receiving and locking onto said selected satellite signal in the instance where a selector switch is coupled to said LNB corresponding to at least one of said first command signal and second command signal.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, comprising:
means for searching for said terminated satellite signal via said repeated command signals, after said selector switch terminated said currently received satellite signal.